GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ATTACKS ON INDIANS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints of repeated attacks on the Indians living abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years upto March 31, 2001 alongwith the names of the countries where these incidents of attacks have taken place; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure that such incidents do not recur?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) There have been no complaints of `repeated attacks` on Indians living abroad. Sporadic incidents of such assaults on foreigners, including Indians do take place in some countries.

(c) There is no pattern of organised violence against Indians living abroad. However, in every such case, the Indian diplomatic mission contacts the victim of attack to ascertain his welfare. The local government authorities are also contacted to get detailed information as regards the cause of the incident. Invariably the local authorities take stringent measures against persons responsible for such violence, so as to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.